著者及びスタッフ(左より赤須、山口、綾倉、三沢)

廃墟の町に唄う17米の個性毒魔愚郎！
赤十字と白衣の下に秘めた魔性恵魅！
異形は何処から来て、何故に貪るのか？
蟲と霧に隠された古城から呪いの朗誦が谺する
抹殺！抹殺！人類抹殺！
四千の戦鬼新東京に挙る！
何ぞ怖れん、我等に葉隠覚悟あり！

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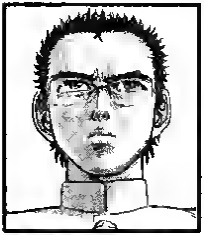

KAKUGO HAGAKURE

A JUNIOR AT GYAKUJUJI HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER RIGOROUS TRAINING, HE HAS COME TO LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A TRUE HERO.WHEN HIS CLASSMATES ARE IN DANGER, HE UNITES WITH THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, AND UNLEASHES HIS IMPACT UPON THE HEINOUS THUGS.

FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "ZERO"

IT HOLDS THREE THOUSAND HEROIC SOULS WITHIN ITS LIVING ARMOR.

THE THREE THOUSAND SOULS

THEY CAN ONLY BE SEEN BY KAKUGO.

GYAKUJUJI HIGH SCHOOL

THE HIGH SCHOOL KAKUGO ATTENDS. A FORTRESS FOR CHILDREN WHO BEAR THE FUTURE OF THE DEVASTATED WORLD.

TSUMIKO HORIE

A HEROINE THAT EVERYONE ADORES. SHE MAY BE CHUBBY, BUT SHE'S QUICK.

THE PRINCIPAL

HR KNOWS KAKUGO'S SECRET. 54 YEARS OLD.

HAOKA

HORIE'S CHAMPION.

HOSHIO

THE LEADER OF THR ARMED DISCIPLINR SQUAD.

PYONTA(LEFT)
PONTA(RIGHT)

HAOKA'S UNDERLINGS

ZENIGATA

SLEAZY JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHER.

THREE DICKHEADS

THUGS FROM THE CITY.

ARAHITO-ONI HARARA

KAKUGO'S OLDER BROTHER. WITH THE MASSIVE POWER OF ZERO FORM DEFENSE AND HIS OWN FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, HE IS BENT ON EXTERMINATING THE WORTHLESS AND WEAK, IN ORDER TO CREATE A PERFECT WORLD OF SUPERIOR BEINGS. HE WAS INJURED BY KAKUGO IN A PREVIOUS BATTLE, AND NOW LIES UNCONSCIOUS.

FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "KASUMI"

HARARA'S FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL.

GARAN CASTLE

HARARA'S FORTRESS WHERE THE VICIOUS TACTICAL FIENDS ARE CREATED.

THE TIME IS THE 21ST CENTURY
THE PLACE IS NEO TOKYO
KAKUGO HAGAKURE
VS
HARARA
AND HIS MONSTERS.

THE BAND OF INDOMITABLE WARLORDS

SUBORDINATES OF HARARA WHO PLEDGED THEIR LOYALTY TO HIM.

ADVISOR
TOMOHISA

CONSUL
KAGENARI

HARARA'S RETAINER
RAI

TACTICAL FIEND GANG LEADER
CHIDOKURO

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS
BOLT

HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
GALILEO

KIDOUGAI SQUAD

TACTICAL FIEND

DOKUMAGURO

EATS HUMANS.
A VERY BAD MONSTER.

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Apocalypse Zero

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DOCTOR! WHAT DO YOU THINK?
GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL INFIRMARY
AFTER ANALYZING THE REMAINS
I'VE CONCLUDED THAT A VERY LARGE CREATURE CHEWED IT.
SOMETHING MASSIVE, LIKE A DINOSAUR!

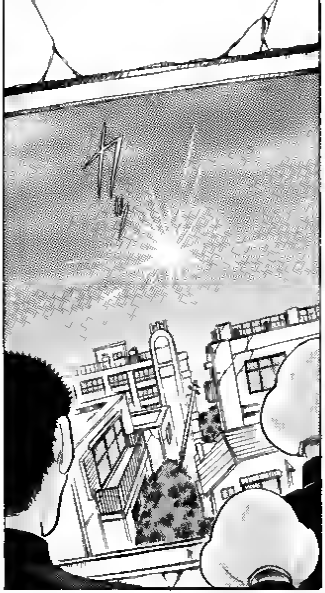
WELL, THAT'S THE BEST GUESS I COULD COME UP WITH.
THE ONLY FOOTPRINTS AT THE SCENE BELONGED TO THE VICTIM
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
DINOSAUR!?
HAGAKURE!
IT IS NOT A DINOSAUR.
IT IS A TACTICAL FIEND.

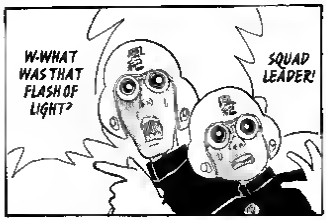
IT IS A HUMAN WEAPON DEVELOPED DURING WORLD WAR II
?
THEY FEED ON THE BONE MARROW OF HUMAN BEINGS
THUS, IN ORDER TO SURVIVE, THEY MUST PREY ON HUMANS!
IF ONE HAS MORBID THOUGHTS, IT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE BODY WHICH ONE POSSESSES!
THE APPEARANCE OF THE FIEND IS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF MIND OF THE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED!

AND NOW, THOSE CREATURES HAVE RETURNED TO NEO TOKYO!
THERE IT IS!
ゴゴゴッ
AAAH!
たぱ。
たぱ。

WHAT'S UP WITH THE UNIFORMS?
びちゃ〜
I DON'T LIKE IT!
AAAH!
THAT AIN'T NO ROCK N' ROLL!
ガリガリ
HORIE!

WHAT IS IT? ZERO?
WHAT'S THIS SOUND!?
SOMEONE IS SCREAMING!
IT IS FAINT, BUT I FEEL IT...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAGAKURE?
AND THE VOICE IS CALLING OUT FOR YOU!
ガラ
H-HEY!

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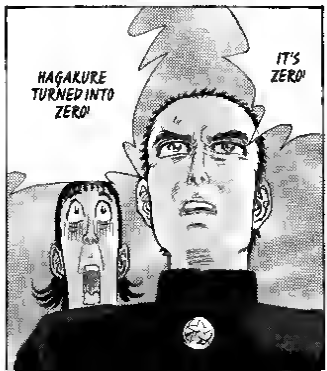
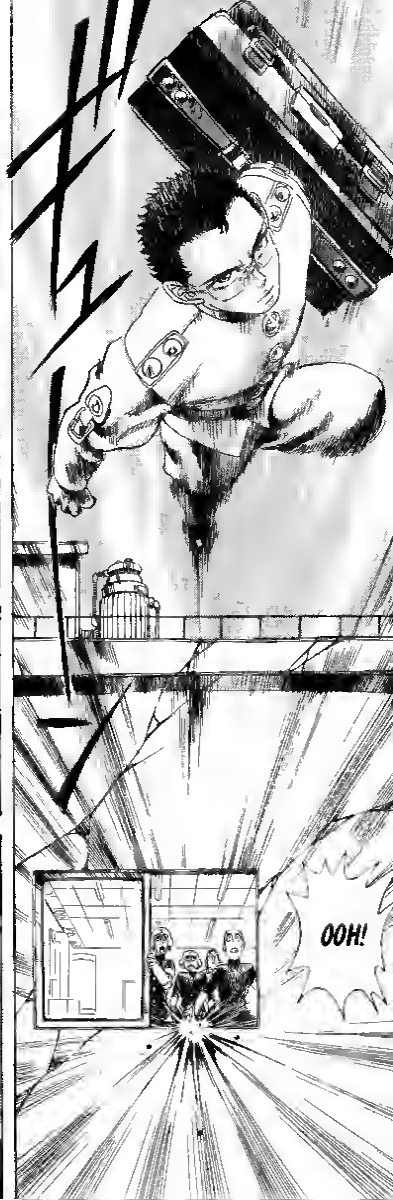
SQUAD LEADER!


HAGAKURE TURNED INTO ZERO!
IT'S ZERO!

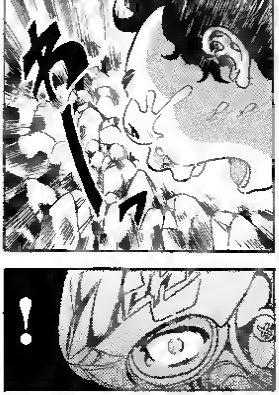

OOH!

覚悟
カクゴ
完了
COMPLETE
ガー
ガー

AH!
!
ぐんっ
ぴっ
PONTA!
TAKADA!
ぼいん
うおー
びうーん

びたーん
ばし
TAKE THIS!
だだだ
YOU!
ガッ
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!
NO UNIFORMS ARE GONNA BEAT ME!
かみ
かみ
NO!
!

ULTRA
VIOLET
WAVE!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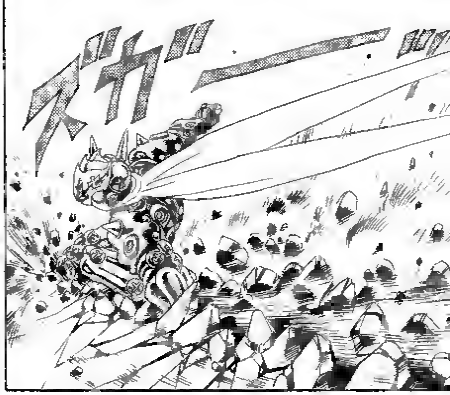
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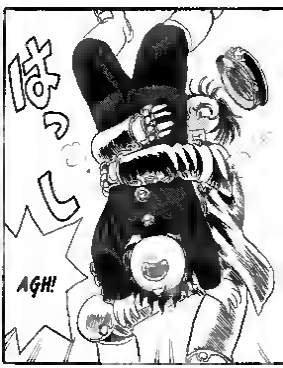
ナニぱ
うぱ
AAH!


ぱっし
AGH!

STAND BACK FROM THE MONSTER!

ギャース

SUBLIMATION!

ほわーっ
ジジ…
じゅるっ
ゴゴゴ
HAGAKURE!
COOL!

びくん!
STAY ON YOUR GUARD!
ガガッ
THAT WAS JUST A PART OF IT!
A PART OF IT?
THAT HUGE THING?
ゴゴゴゴ…
ゴゴゴゴ
!
AN EARTHQUAKE!?
THE MAIN BODY IS COMING!
MAIN BODY!?

17 METERS!
AN UNKNOWN CREATURE, 17 METERS TALL, IS APPROACHING FROM THE FRONT!

GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

どーん
どーん
どーん
WOW
GETTING CLOSER

あーっ
HM!

STAY BACK!
YEAH!
WE'RE GONNA FIGHT, TOO!

どーん
どーん
WHO DID IT?
WHO BURNED MY BELOVED FLOWER?
どん

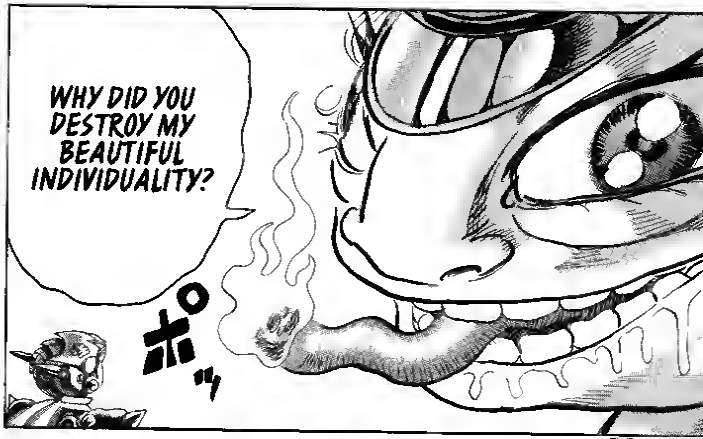
MY PRECIOUS INDIVIDUALITY...
WHO DESTROYED IT?
I DID!

EPISODE NINETEEN, CHEMICAL WEAPON

第十九話　化学兵器

ぐぅぅっ
HORIE, LET'S GO!
B-BUT
HURRY! GET OUT OF HERE!
AAAH!
どどど
どどど
どーん

RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
YOU...


WHY DID YOU DESTROY MY BEAUTIFUL INDIVIDUALITY?
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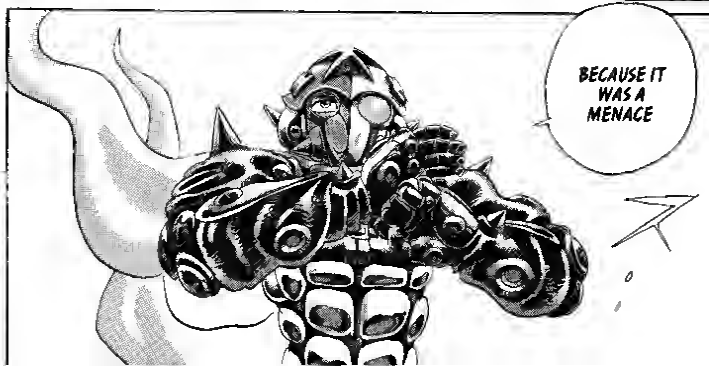
BECAUSE IT WAS A MENACE

YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE MY INDIVIDUALITY AWAY FROM ME, AND USE ME TO PULL A TRAIN FULL OF PATHETIC HUMANS!
NO!
ズズズズ
I'LL SHOW YOU SOME ROCK N' ROLL!
ジ
ん

IMPACT!

WOW!

ROCK ON!
GIVE IT TO HIM AGAIN!
GO! HAGAKURE!
AGH!
OK!

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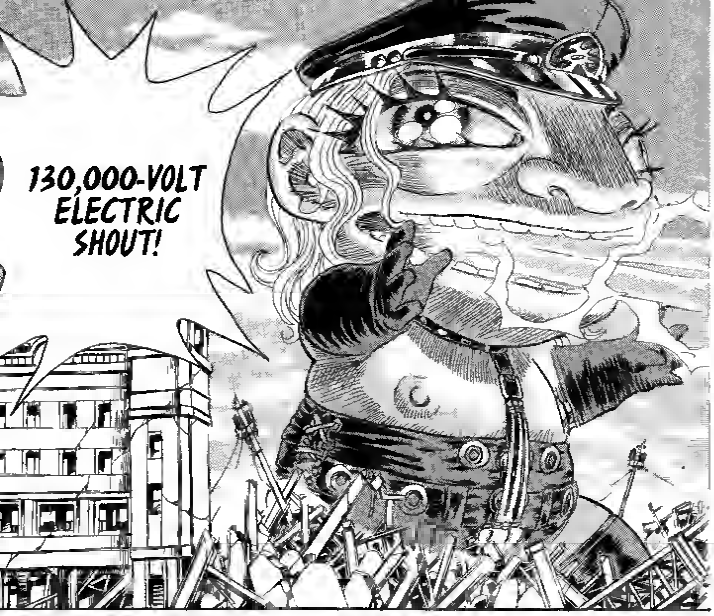
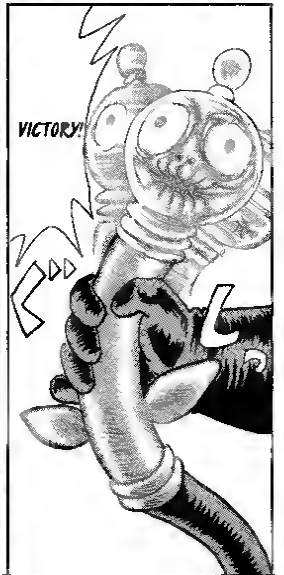
ビ〃
ビ〃
AH!!
AAAAAH!!
MIC, ON!
にゅいーん


130,000-VOLT ELECTRIC SHOUT!

1-2-3-4.
VOCALS! GO!


VICTORY!

I DON'T NEED NO UNIFORM.
I DON'T NEED NO TEACHER.
I DON'T NEED NO SCHOOL.
AGGH!
バ バ バ バ
DRUM BREAK!
ぶあっ
FUCK MY G.P.A.
FUCK THE NUCLEAR PLANT.
AAAH!
IT'S AWFUL!
いいっ

ドゴドゴ
AGHH!
10 BILLION BEATS!
ズゴ
CAN GO TO HELL!
ANYTHING THAT OPPRESSES
... MY PRECIOUS INDIVIDUALITY
AH!
ULTRA VIOLET WAVE!
ビカッ

SUPER
SONIC
VIBRATION!
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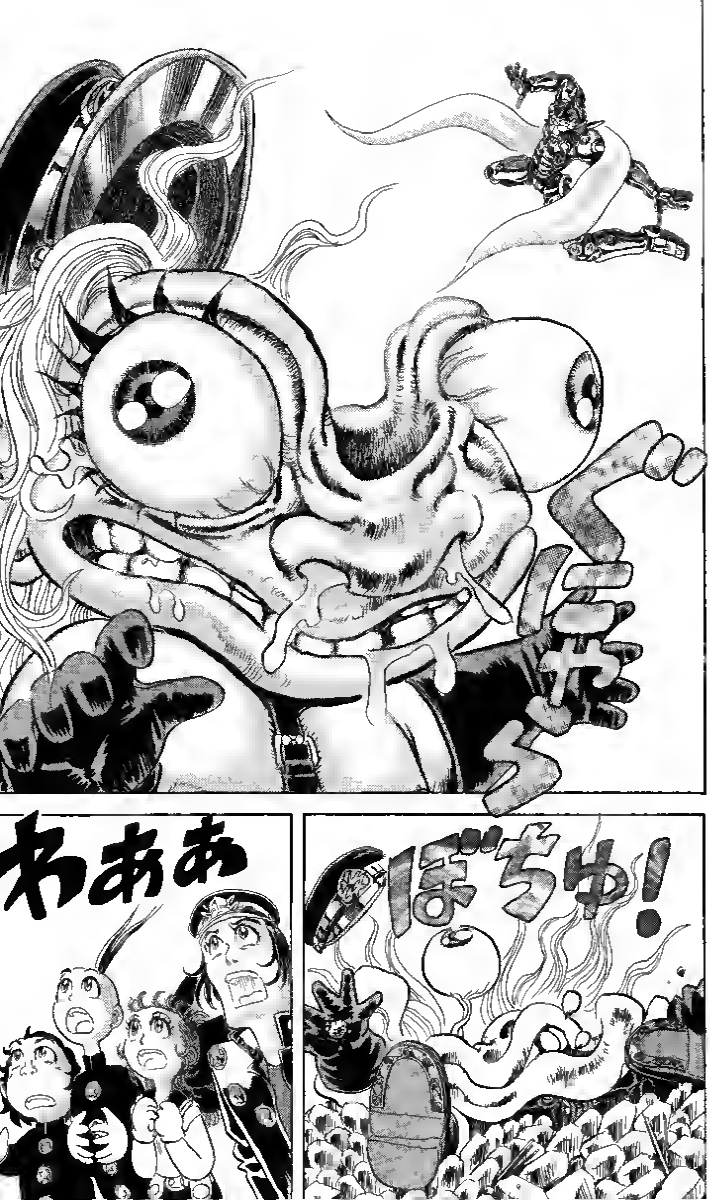
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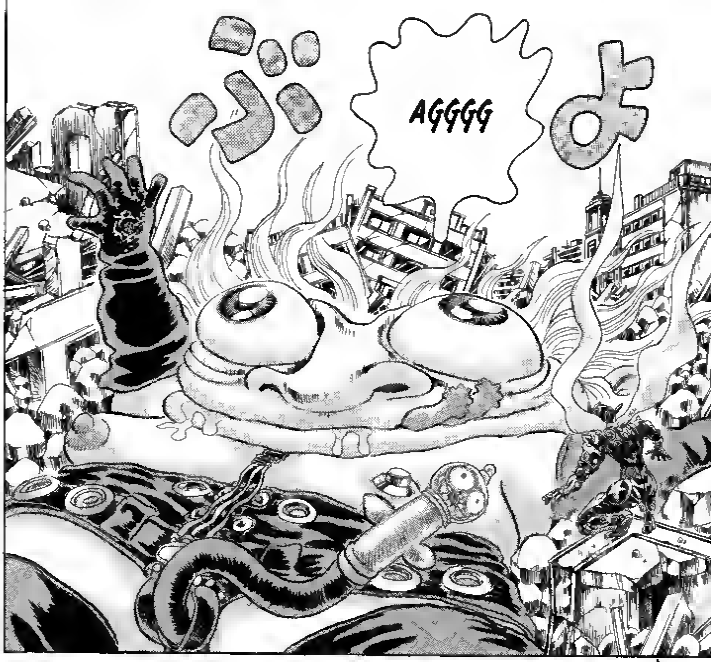
ぎゃあ
ぼちゅ!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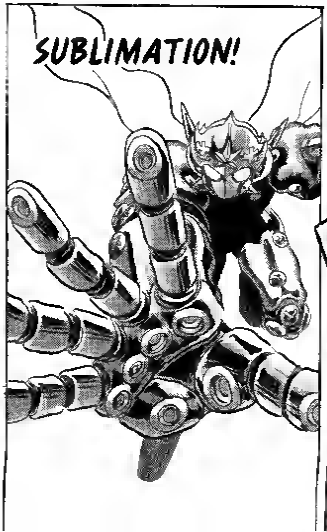

SUBLIMATION!

AYE!

WHAT?
WAIT! KAKUGO!
IF YOU USE SUBLIMATION, HIS BODY WILL EXPLODE!
ぐぉーん
バビ゜ー
たん
I SEE, THE POWER GENERATOR IS INSIDE HIS BODY!

DEHYDRATION POWDER!
AAH!?

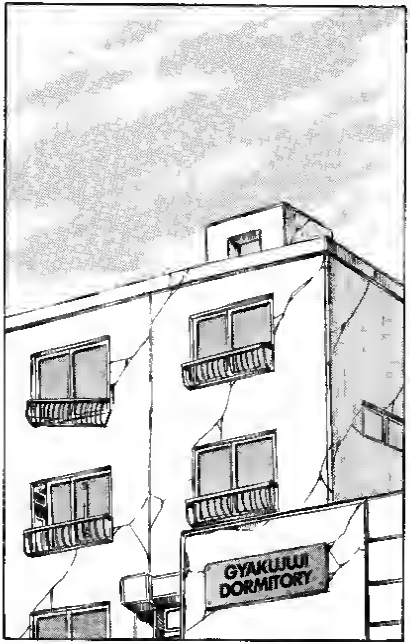
ギエーー
キャー
IT'S SNOWING!
ジュウウウ
IT BURNS!
YOU ARE THE ONE THAT WILL GO TO HELL.

GONE WITH WIND!
HAGAKURE!
カー
!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

NO PROBLEM
HAGAKURE!!
SO HE IS KAKUGO HAGAKURE ...
POOR THING! HE'S A WOUNDED WARRIOR.

I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF HIM!
TACTICAL FIEND
MEGUMI

第二十話
酸性雨
EPISODE TWENTY, ACID RAIN

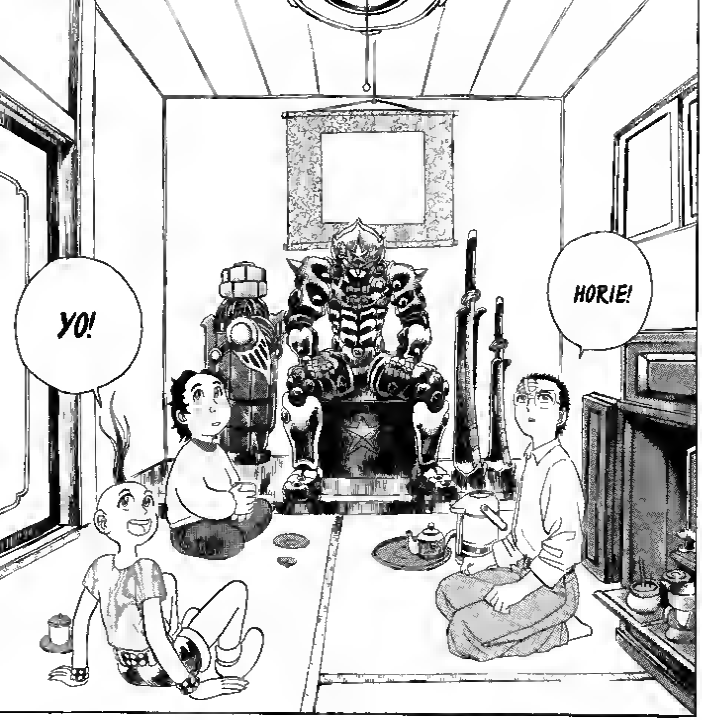

GYAKUJUUI
DORMITORY

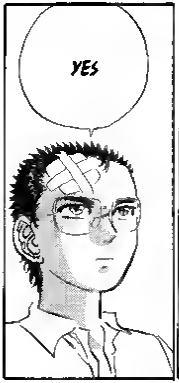
TODAY
IS SUNDAY.

SO THIS
IS IT

I'M TSUMIKO HORIE. TODAY, I'M VISITING HAGAKURE...
HE WAS INJURED WHILE BATTLING A MONSTER.
203
KAKUBO HAGAKURE
どき
どき
たかたか
ピンポーン
I LOVE YOU, HAGAKURE!
どき、どき、どき、

THE HELL?
THERE'S NO ONE HERE
YES?
ドン
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, HORIE?
OH!
I'M HERE
!
I CAME TO SEE IF HE WAS ALL RIGHT!
HEY HAGAKURE! HORIE'S HERE TO HANG OUT WITH US, TOO
すたすた


YO!
HORIE!


YES

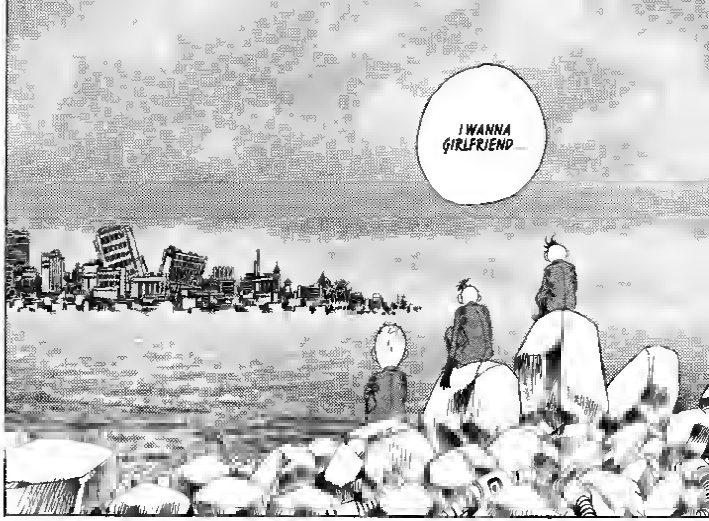
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT NOW?

I-I'M SORRY TO DROP IN ON YOU LIKE THIS
YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
ビキ
ビキ

THERE YOU GO
HE WAS BLEEDING A LOT
しーん
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD BE OKAY
うぅぅ
WHY ARE YOU CRYING? HORIE?
HAGAKURE IS ALWAYS PUSHING HIMSELF TO THE VERY LIMIT...
THANK YOU
CATCH!
ばさっ
I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING
I ALMOST FORGOT!
NO NEED TO THROW IT
ぽい
ばっ

UN-CENSORED
HORSE QUEEN
JUST CHECK IT OUT!
IT REVEALS THE MYSTERIES OF THE NETHER REGIONS, WITH PUBES AND EVERYTHING
OOH!
HAGAKURE, WHAT'S THIS ROOM?
AHEM
AH!
ガラッ
BEHOLD!
WANNA SEE IT?
?

I APOLOGIZE IF IT STARTLED YOU
H-HAGAKURE, WHAT IS THIS?
IT IS THE SKULL OF THE MONSTER THAT DESTROYED THE SCHOOL POOL THE OTHER DAY.
HE'S ANALYZING IT.
THE DORM MANAGER IS GONNA SHIT HIS PANTS WHEN HE SEES THIS


I WANNA GIRLFRIEND

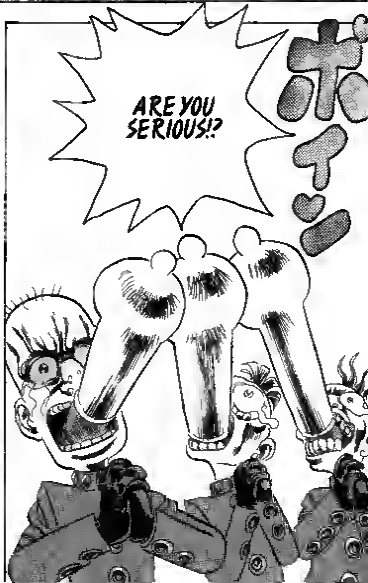
HAVE YOU EVER KISSED ANYONE?
ONCE, WITH A GOAT.
ABOUT A MILLION TIMES, IN MY DREAMS.

!!!
WHO'S THERE?
YOU POOR THINGS...

YOU THREE ARE SO HEINOUS, YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER EVEN HAD A DATE, HAVE YOU?
AND SHE ISN'T WEARING ANY UNDERWEAR!
SHE'S HOT!
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU POOR THINGS!
LET ME DO IT

IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...
PLEASE LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU!

ONE AT A TIME, OKAY?


ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
ボイ〜

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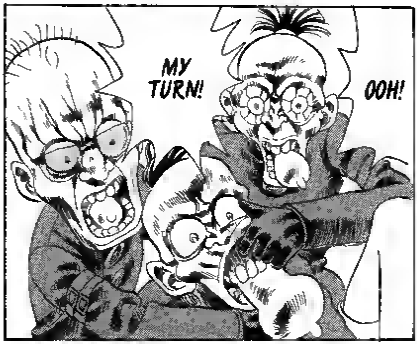
AH...
C'MON! HURRY UP!!
SHE'S GOT HAIR!
POOR THING... THIS MUST BE HIS FIRST TIME
OOH! SO THIS IS A WOMAN'S NETHER REGIONS

W-W-WHAT!?
ぶおっ
ズズズ


MY TURN!
OOH!

I'M GETTING SUCKED IN!
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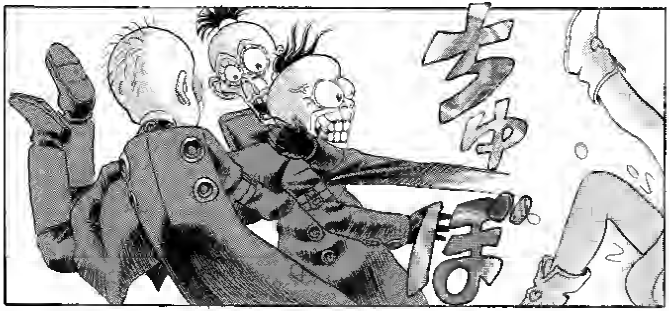
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HUH!?
W-W-WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU!?
BOOHOO!
IT'S JUST BECAUSE
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I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU!
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LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU
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IT'S GOT METAL SCALES
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KAKURO HAGAKURE
YOU CAN'T CUT IT WITH A KNIFE
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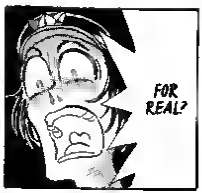
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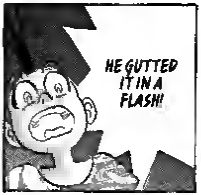
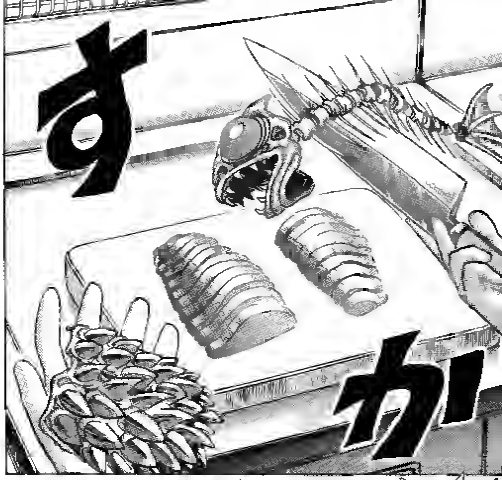

HE GUTTED IT IN A FLASH!!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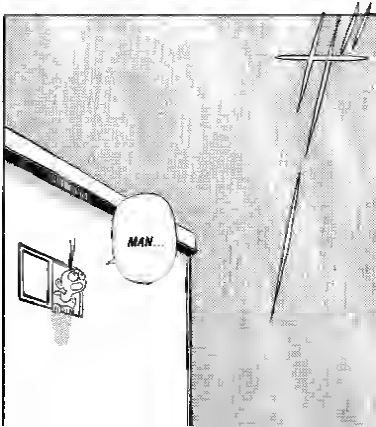
I AM EXPERIENCED IN THE USE OF KNIVES
YOU ARE AMAZING!
HAGAKURE!

BUT THINK ABOUT IT...
I HATE ACID RAIN


MAN...

IT'S PROBABLY THE CREATION OF SOME MAD SCIENTIST
YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?
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WHERE THE HELL DID THIS MONSTER COME FROM?
THEN WE'D BETTER FIND THE SCIENTIST
I AGREE
YEAH
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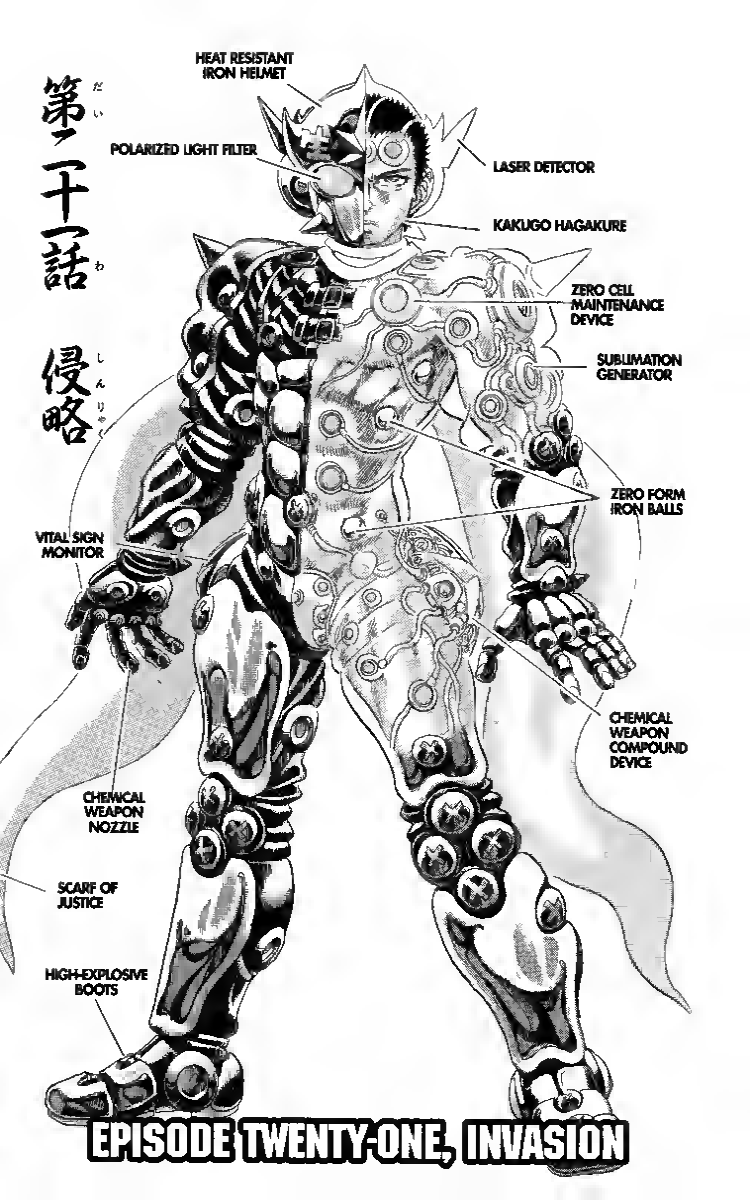
I MUST TELL THEM THE TRUTH!

H-HELP ME!
WHO IS IT?
THREE MEN VIOLENTLY ATTACKED ME



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EPISODE TWENTY-ONE, INVASION

AAAAHHHH!
DON'T DIE!
HAGUKI!!
AGH AGH...

ESPECIALLY YOU! EVERYONE HATED YOU!
PLEASE DON'T DIE!
WE WERE NEVER POPULAR!
WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE KIDS!
AGH AGH...
FINALLY, I GOT TO EXPERIENCE A WOMAN...
IT WAS WORTH IT...
IT WAS ALL WORTH IT...
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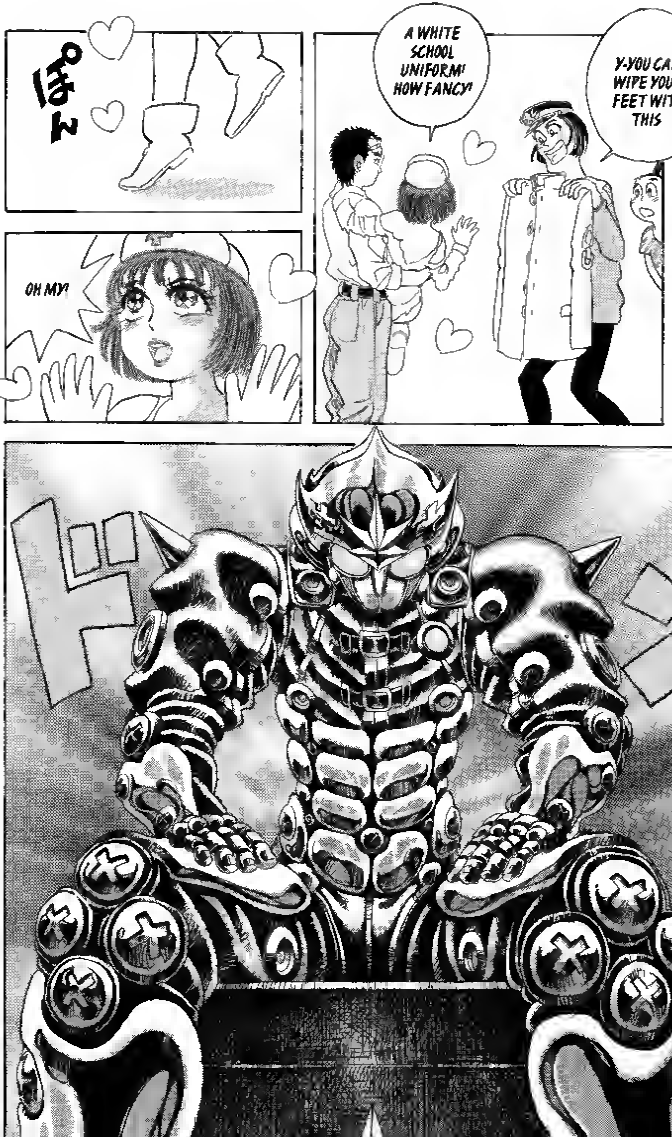
YOU IDIOT!
NO!
THAT WAS A MONSTER!
THAT WASN'T A WOMAN AT ALL!

BOO HOO!
I WAS ATTACKED BY THREE MEN
WHY DON'T YOU COME INSIDE?
I CAN'T STAND UP!
WILL YOU CARRY POOR MEGUMI INSIDE?

AH!
WHAT'S GOING ON? HAGAKURE?
GET HER SOME TOWELS IMMEDIATELY
HI, I'M MEGUMI NICE TO MEET YOU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OH MY!
A WHITE SCHOOL UNIFORM! HOW FANCY!
Y-YOU CAN WIPE YOUR FEET WITH THIS

IT'S GOT HIGH ELECTRICITY RUNNING THROUGH IT, SO YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT
ITS NAME IS "ZERO"
IT'S SO CUTE!
OH MY
YOU MAY PUT THIS ON
THIS DOLL IS YOUR LOVER?
YOU POOR THING
HAGAKURE SLEEPS WITH IT EVERY NIGHT
YOU POOR THING!
THAT'S HIS TOO
HORSE
OH MY GOD
HORSE
WHAT'S THIS BOOK?

UH...
I WILL GO
I'LL GO TO THE INFIRMARY AND GET SOMEONE
HAGAKURE
POOR THING!
I CAN RUN PRETTY FAST!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
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WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT ABOUT HER!

I DROPPED MY BAG
WHEN I WAS ATTACKED
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH NO
I'LL SHOW YOU MY NETHER REGIONS
WILL YOU GO GET IT FOR ME? PLEASE?
THE SHORE OF BLOCK 7...
WHERE WERE YOU ATTACKED?
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
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OOOOOH!
HAGAKURE...

FINALLY, WE'RE ALONE...
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I'M ALL FOR YOU
A REAL GIRL FEELS A LOT BETTER THAN YOUR DOLL OR THE MAGAZINE...
LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU
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OW!
AH!
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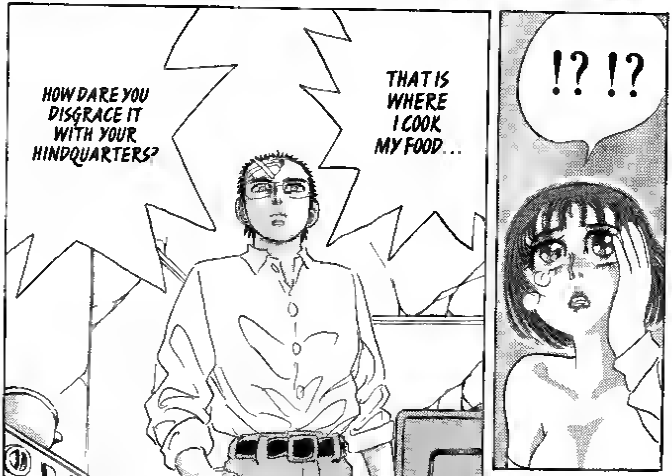
HOW DARE YOU DISGRACE IT WITH YOUR HINDQUARTERS?
THAT IS WHERE I COOK MY FOOD...
!? !?

HAGAKURE, DON'T BE SO ALOOF.
YOU POOR THING...
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!
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MY HEART CANNOT BE SWAYED BY SUCH CRUDE SEDUCTION.
BOO HOO!

GH!
WHAT IS THIS PINK STEAM?
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WHAT HAPPENED?
MEGUMI!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IT'S MAKING ME DIZZY
SOB SOB

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HANG ON!
EROTIC ANESTHESIA BREATH
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BECAUSE
WHAT!?
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A TACTICAL FIEND!!
I CAN'T LET YOU BE LONELY.

HOW COULD I BE SO CARELESS?
IT TRANSFORMED FROM HUMAN FORM!!

...DOUBLE MISSILES!
Z-CUP TITTIES...
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ZERO!
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PREPARE TO BE
INTERCEPTED!

EPISODE TWENTY-TWO, ACCELERATION

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OK
GO
GOD SPEED

YOU POOR THING!
YOU HAVE SUCH A TWISTED RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR DOLL
I CAN'T LET YOU BE LONELY!
LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU!
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Z CUP TITTIES DOUBLE MISSILES!
SUPER SONIC VIBRATION!

AAAAH
SUPER SONIC VIBRATION HAS NO EFFECT!?
HAGAKURE, YOU'RE SOOO GOOD.
THAT MADE ME TINGLY ALL OVER.

DOCTOR! HURRY UP!
DON'T RUN SO FAST, TSUMIKO.
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BUT–
HAGAKURE AND HIS FRIENDS ARE WITH HER, RIGHT?
THEN SHE'LL BE FINE.
DON'T WORRY, PEOPLE DON'T DIE FROM JUST BEING RAPED
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS MEGUMI WOMAN.
BUT–
BESIDES, SHE'S TOTALLY SHOWING HER PANTIES!
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WHAT WAS THAT?
IT CAME FROM GYAKUJUJI DORM.

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POOR THING...
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH A WOMAN

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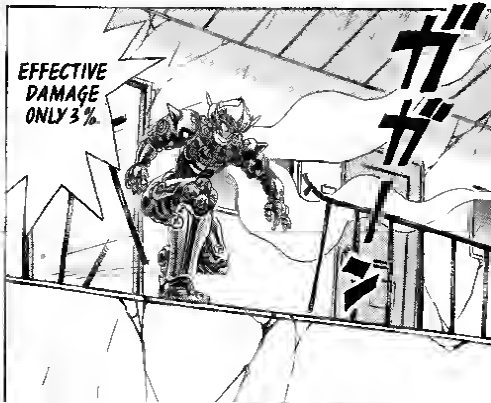
IT'S JUST BECAUSE...


EFFECTIVE DAMAGE ONLY 3%
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A CEPHALOPOD!
MY ENTIRE BODY IS ONE BIG HONEY POT
A GOOD POUNDING IS JUST WHAT I LIKE
AN ABSOLUTE CATASTROPHE!
IN THIS WEATHER, USING CHEMICAL WEAPON WOULD ONLY CAUSE...
STRIKE ME HARDER!
SUBLIMATION COULD BLOW HER UP IN A FLASH...
HOWEVER, HER HAIR MIGHT CATCH FIRE AND BE SCATTERED IN ALL DIRECTIONS!
THEN

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THERE IS NO OTHER WAY THAN TO SLICE IT.

POOR THINGS. .
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SO THIS IS WHAT YOU RE INTO, HUH?
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HAGAKURE
SLICE ME AS MANY TIMES YOU'D LIKE!
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I'M OKAY WITH IT!

AAAH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SHE IS LIKE A SALAMANDER!
HOW CAN I DEFEAT THIS CREATURE?

THE CUTS ARE TOO CLEAN!
I CAN'T LET HIM BE LONELY!
CLEAN CUTS ALLOW HER TO HEAL!
I UNDERSTAND
HE IS TALKING TO HIMSELF
POOR THING

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WHERE'S MEGUMI'S BAG?
MAN, WE'RE GONNA LOSE OUR HAIR FROM THE ACID RAIN
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Y-YOU WANNA FIGHT?
YOU!
HAOKA!
MY SWEET MEGUMI
DID I?
DID YOU GUYS SEE A WOMAN?
THIS ISN'T THE TIME!
UH-HUH
DID SHE LOOK LIKE THIS?

WHAT!!
THE WOMAN IS A MAN-EATER!
SHE ATE HAGUKI!
HERE I COME!

PROPULSIVE ENERGY JET!
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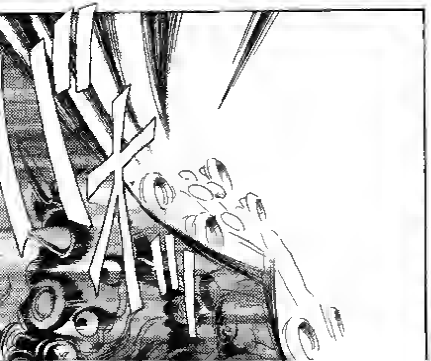
HE'S DRIVING HER DOWN WITH HIS JET BLAST!
CHECK IT OUT!
IT HURTS!

THE REASON YOU TRY TO COMFORT OTHERS IS FOR YOUR OWN SATISFACTION.
INDEED IT DOES!
TAKING CARE OF OTHERS SOMETIMES BRINGS ITS OWN PAIN.

IT'S HER VOICE...

WOOHOO
TSUMIKO, WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?



IT'S JUST BECAUSE...

ACCELERATED DECAY!
REST IN PEACE!
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AH... AH...
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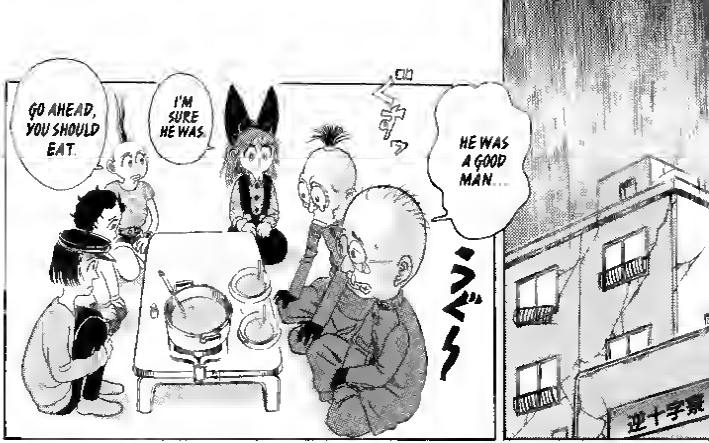
GO AHEAD, YOU SHOULD EAT.
I'M SURE HE WAS.
HE WAS A GOOD MAN....
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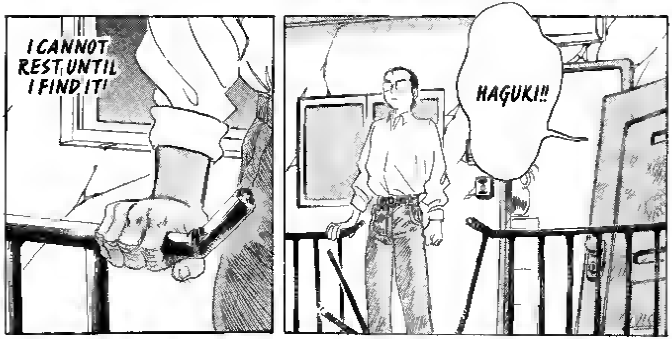
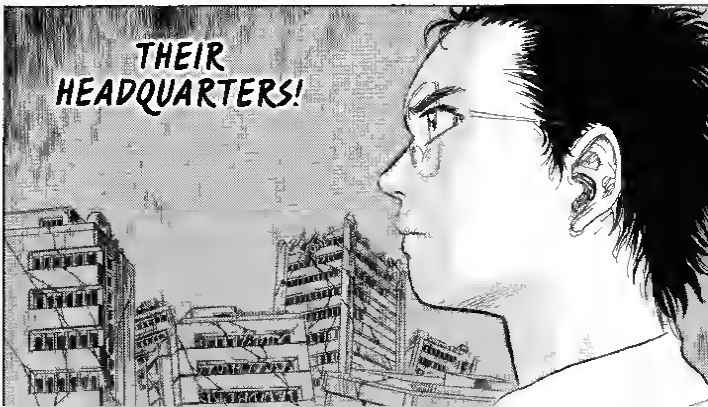
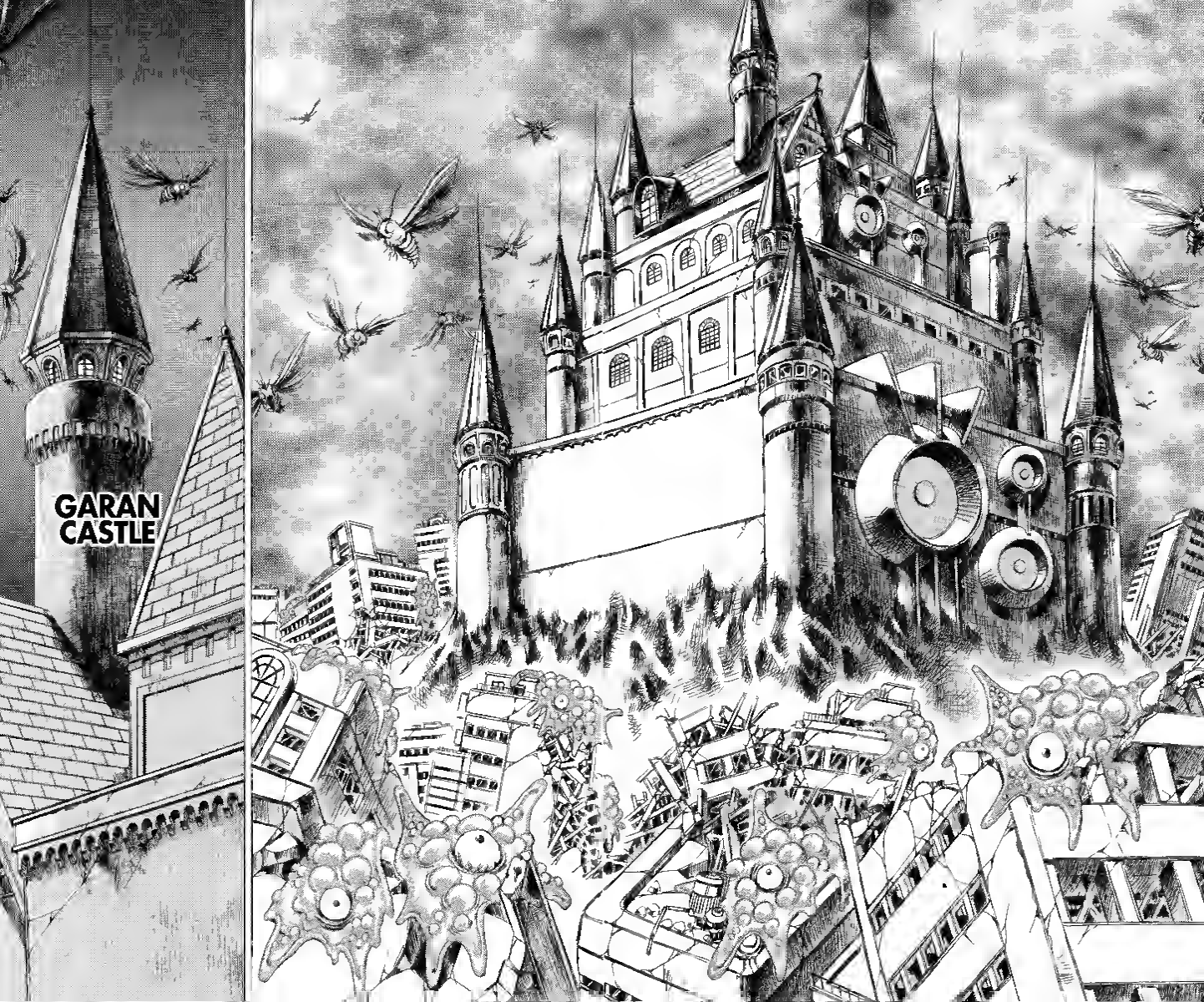

I CANNOT REST UNTIL I FIND IT!
HAGUKI!!

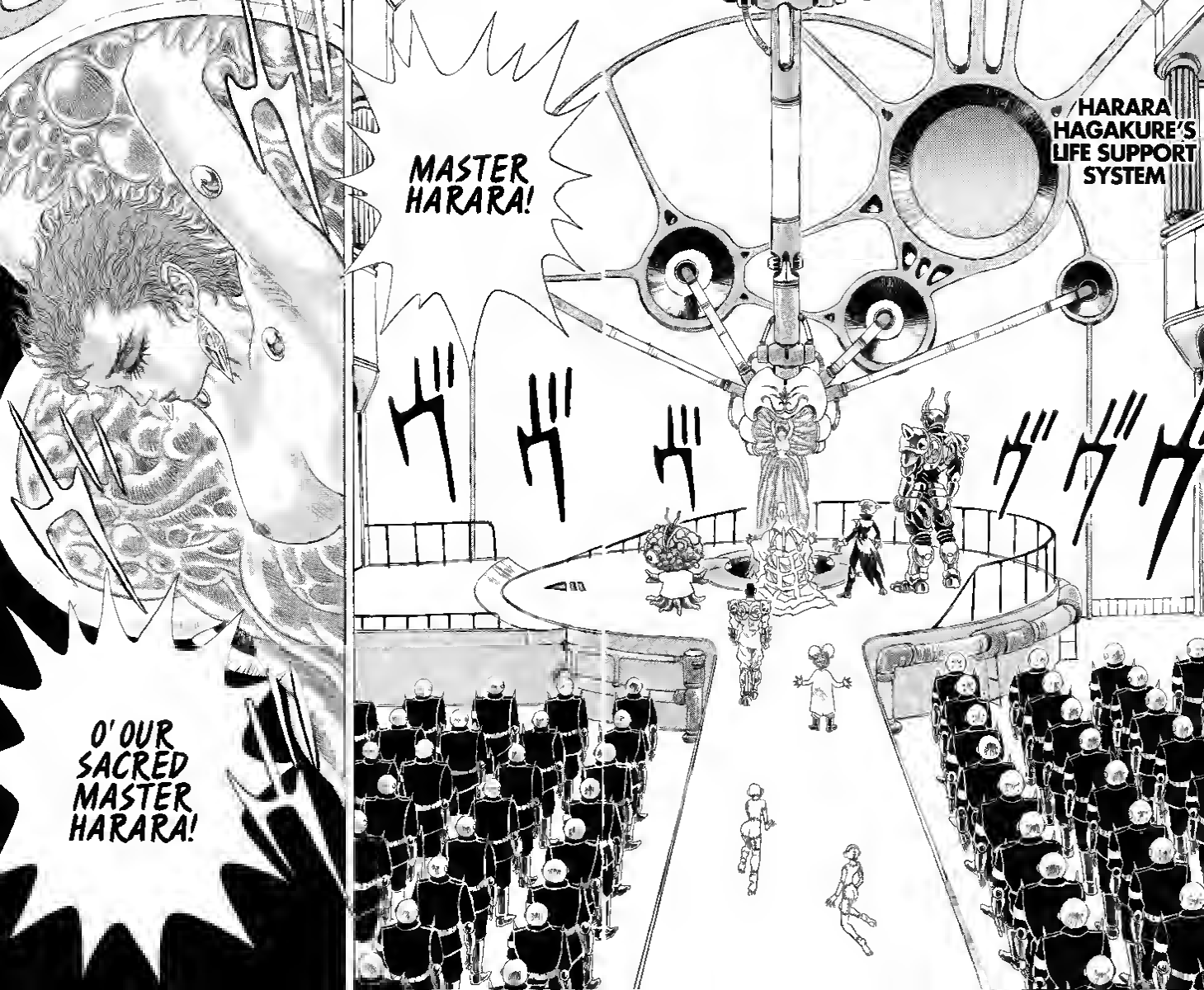

THEIR HEADQUARTERS!

EPISODE TWENTY-THREE, REFLECTION
第二十三話　玉画再生

SHIFTS IN THE EARTH'S CRUST THAT OCCURRED OVER THREE YEARS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY DESTROYED MANY LIVES AND CIVILIZATION ALL OVER THE WORLD

NEO TOKYO
SECTION 13
IN THE GRAY SKY, THE WAKE OF THE GIANT MOTHS' WINGS INTERFERES WITH ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES...
...CAUSING ELECTRONICS TO MALFUNCTION!
IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR MANKIND TO LIVE IN SECTION 13!
ON THE GROUND, ENORMOUS COCKROACHES TRAMPLE UPON, AND DEVOUR ANYTHING THAT MOVES IN THEIR PATH.


GARAN
CASTLE


O' OUR SACRED MASTER HARARA!
MASTER HARARA!
HARARA HAGAKURE'S LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM

SHINE UPON US WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL EYES LIKE THE NEWLY RISEN SUN.
CONSUL-KAGENARI

LEAD US WITH THE SERENE VOICE OF YOURS THAT BRIGHTENS THE DARKEST NIGHT
TACTICAL FIEND GANG LEADER - CHIDOKURO

ARAHITO-ONI HARARA

MANY AFFAIRS ARE WAITING FOR YOUR JUDGMENT!
MASTER HARARA, YOU ARE ETERNAL!

PLEASE AWAKEN!
MASTER HARARA, YOU ARE THE MASTER OF ALL THINGS!
GIVE US YOUR JUDGMENT!
MASTER HARARA! GIVE US YOUR JUDGMENT!
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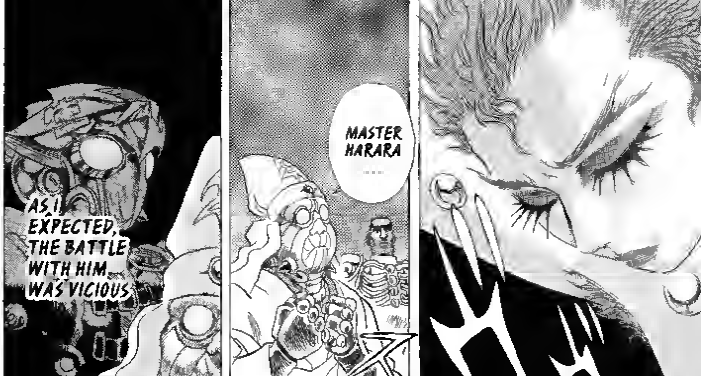
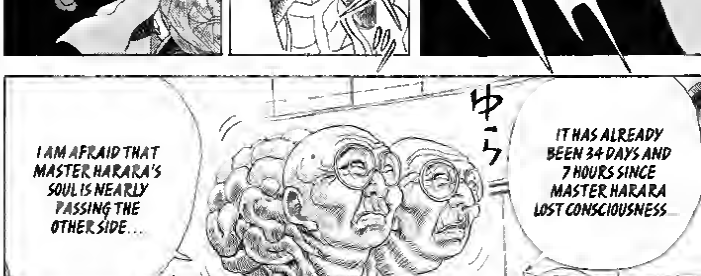
GARAN CASTLE GUARDS ~ KIDOUGAI SQUAD

MASTER KASUMI, TOO, IS WAITING FOR YOUR RETURN!
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL - KASUMI


AS I EXPECTED, THE BATTLE WITH HIM... WAS VICIOUS...
MASTER HARARA...


I AM AFRAID THAT MASTER HARARA'S SOUL IS NEARLY PASSING THE OTHER SIDE...
IT HAS ALREADY BEEN 34 DAYS AND 7 HOURS SINCE MASTER HARARA LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
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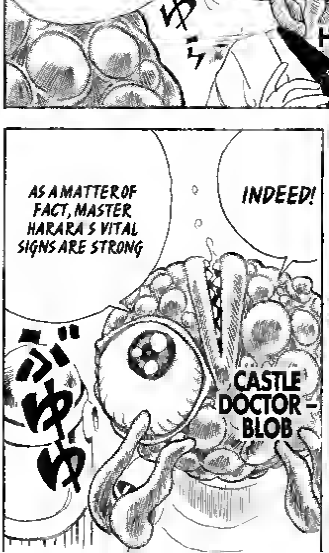
HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH – GALILEO


AS A MATTER OF FACT, MASTER HARARA'S VITAL SIGNS ARE STRONG
INDEED!
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CASTLE DOCTOR – BLOB

RIDICULOUS!
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS – BOLT

NO NEED TO WORRY!
LOOK! THAT DEEP WOUND IN HIS LEFT SIDE IS COMPLETELY HEALED!
H-HOWEVER!
MASTER HARARA'S MIND IS WITH THE WIND!
HIS MAJESTY IS TREATING THIS ORDEAL LIKE A PILGRIMAGE.
ADVISOR - TOMOHISA
LORD TOMOHISA!

...WE MUST CARRY OUT HIS WILL AND EXECUTE HIS PLANS!
EVEN WITHOUT MASTER HARARA'S DIRECT ORDER...
AT TIMES LIKE THESE
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LOOK! THIS IS THE WILL OF MASTER HARARA!
OOOOH!!
BRING FORTH
HIS REFLECTION!

MASTER HARARA!

I AM AN INDOMITABLE POWER THAT TRANSCENDS GOOD AND EVIL!
I AM NOT HUMAN!
IT IS TO MAKE THIS DYING EARTH THE PLACE FOR ALL THINGS TO BECOME ONE!
MY DREAM IS ONE AND ONE ONLY!

WHEN THE LIFE ENERGY OF THE UNIVERSE IS PURE AND THE MORNING MIST CLEARS, ALL THINGS WILL BECOME ONE!
...THE EARTH, PLANTS, ALL OF YOU, WATER, LIGHT AND BREEZE!...
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WE HAVE TO DO TO ACHIEVE THIS!

THE ANNIHILATION OF MANKIND!
THEY WHO OPPRESSED YOU ALL!
THE TWO-LEGGED MONSTERS THAT BRUTALLY DESTROY MUTE NATURE.
NO NEED FOR MANKIND!

DID YOU HEAR THE VOICE OF MASTER HARARA?
CERTAINLY!
WE ARE THE INDOMITABLE WARLORDS SELECTED BY MASTER HARARA!
WE ARE NOT HUMAN!
KILL!
KILL!
WE MUST SHOW MANKIND NO MERCY!

WE MUST HAVE NO MERCY!
WE MUST SHOW NO MERCY TO KAKUGO HAGAKURE!

EPISODE TWENTY-FOUR, WARLORDS

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IMPACT!

IMPACT!

SUPER
SONIC
VIBRATION!

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DEHYDRATION POWDER!

○ KAKUGO HAGAKURE (DEHYDRATION POWDER)
● DOGUMAGURO
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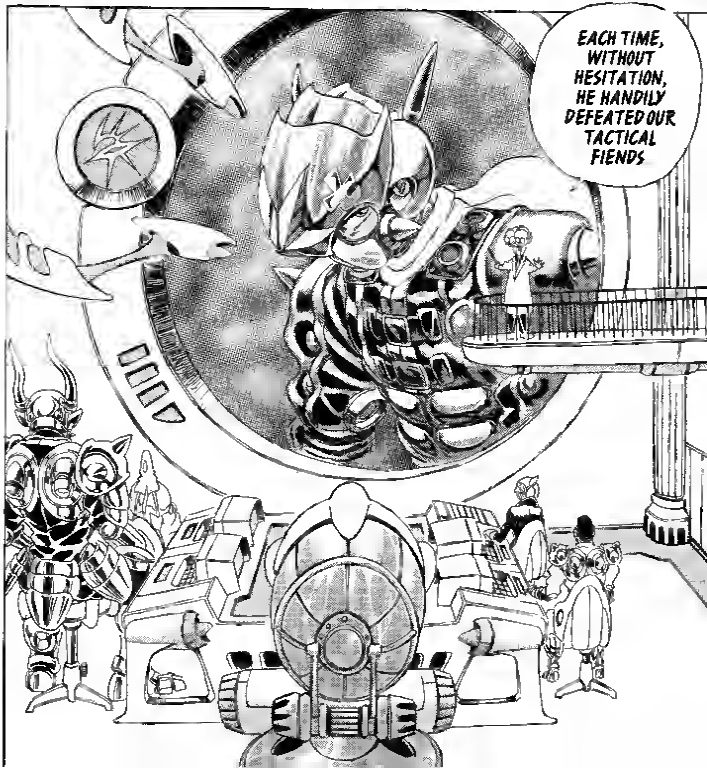
○ KAKUGO HAGAKURE (ACCELERATED DECAY)
● MEGUMI

THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE BATTLES OF KAKUGO HAGAKURE


EACH TIME, WITHOUT HESITATION, HE HANDILY DEFEATED OUR TACTICAL FIENDS

MORE FEARSOME YET IS THE ARMOR HE WEARS
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "ZERO"
THE COUNTERSTRIKE HE CALLS IMPACT BEARS THE MARK OF AN ENLIGHTENED WARRIOR.
KAKUGO HAGAKURE IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.
OF ALL THINGS IN THIS WORLD, THIS MAN IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO US
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE INTIMIDATED!
HE MUST BE ELIMINATED!
IF WE SENT FOUR TACTICAL FIENDS OF DOGUMAGURO'S LEVEL AT ONCE.....
FOUR TACTICAL FIENDS!
....BOTH KAKUGO AND ZERO WOULD BE BEATEN BEYOND RECOGNITION!

NONSENSE!
MASTER HARARA WOULD NEVER HAVE APPROVED OF SUCH A PLAN!
W-W-WHAT!?
WHY WOULD WE, THE CHOSEN ONES, NEED SUPERIOR NUMBERS TO DEFEAT A MERE A HUMAN?
I WILL FIGHT HIM!
WAIT! BOLT!

YOUR DUTY IS TO GUARD GARAN CASTLE
RA!!
HOWEVER IT IS I WHO WILL SLAY KAKUGO HAGAKURE!
I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE YOU CAN.
I WILL DISPATCH HIM QUICKLY.
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I BEG TO DIFFER!
IT IS A BAD MATCH FOR YOUR COMBAT STYLE!
HE WEARS THE STEEL ARMOR CALLED ZERO!

T-THAT IS—
OOH!

ABSORB!
ZERO FORM IRON BALLS
MASTER HARARA HAS GRANTED ME THESE...
21 PIECES OF INDOMITABLE RESOLVE!
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OH! THE IRON BALLS ARE BEING SUCKED INTO HIS BODY...
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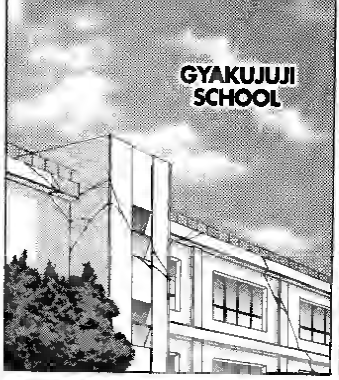
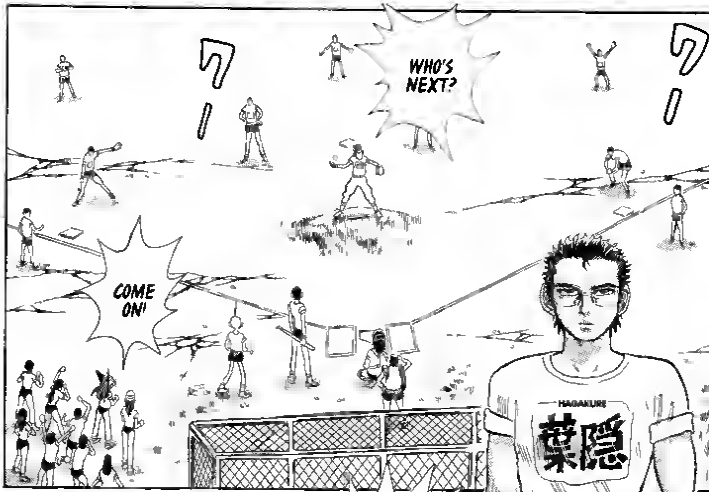

GYAKUJUJI
SCHOOL

NEO TOKYO
SECTION 04


WHO'S NEXT?
COME ON!
HAGAKURE
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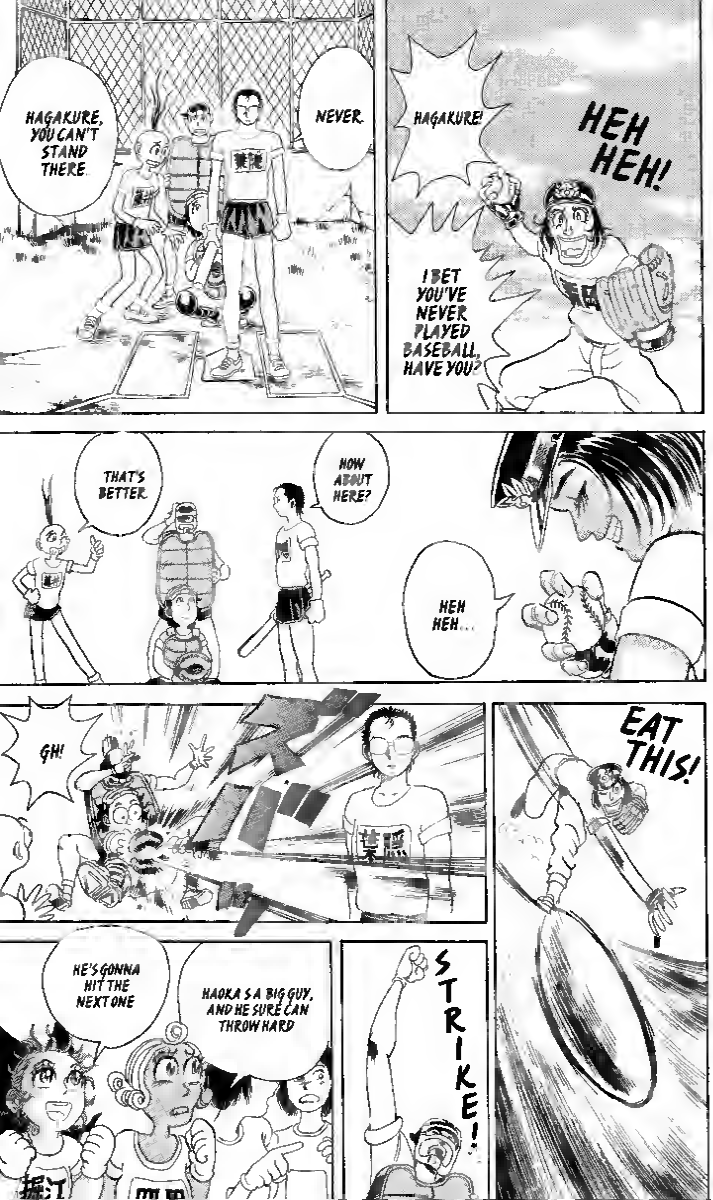
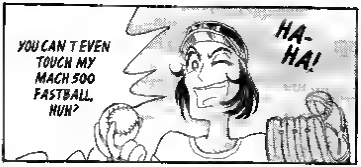
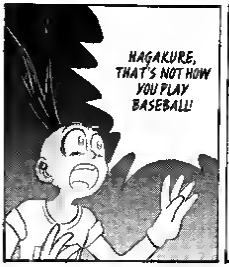
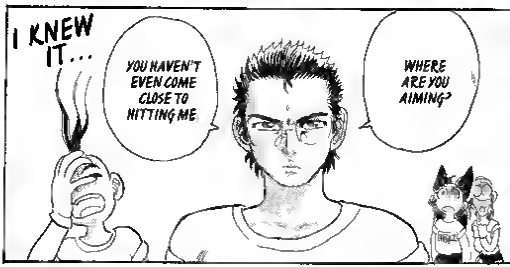
GET A HIT!
HAGAKURE!
HAGAKURE
葉隠


HAGAKURE, YOU CAN'T STAND THERE.
NEVER.
HAGAKURE!
HEH HEH!
I BET YOU'VE NEVER PLAYED BASEBALL, HAVE YOU?
THAT'S BETTER.
HOW ABOUT HERE?
HEH HEH...
GH!
EAT THIS!
HE'S GONNA HIT THE NEXT ONE
HAOKA'S A BIG GUY, AND HE SURE CAN THROW HARD
STRIKE!

HMMM
TSUMIKO, I DON'T THINK HAGAKURE KNOWS HOW BASEBALL WORKS
STRIKE TWO!


YOU CAN'T EVEN TOUCH MY MACH 500 FASTBALL, HUH?
HA-HA!


HAGAKURE, THAT'S NOT HOW YOU PLAY BASEBALL!


I KNEW IT...
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO HITTING ME
WHERE ARE YOU AIMING?

DON'T PLAY DUMB, HAGAKURE!

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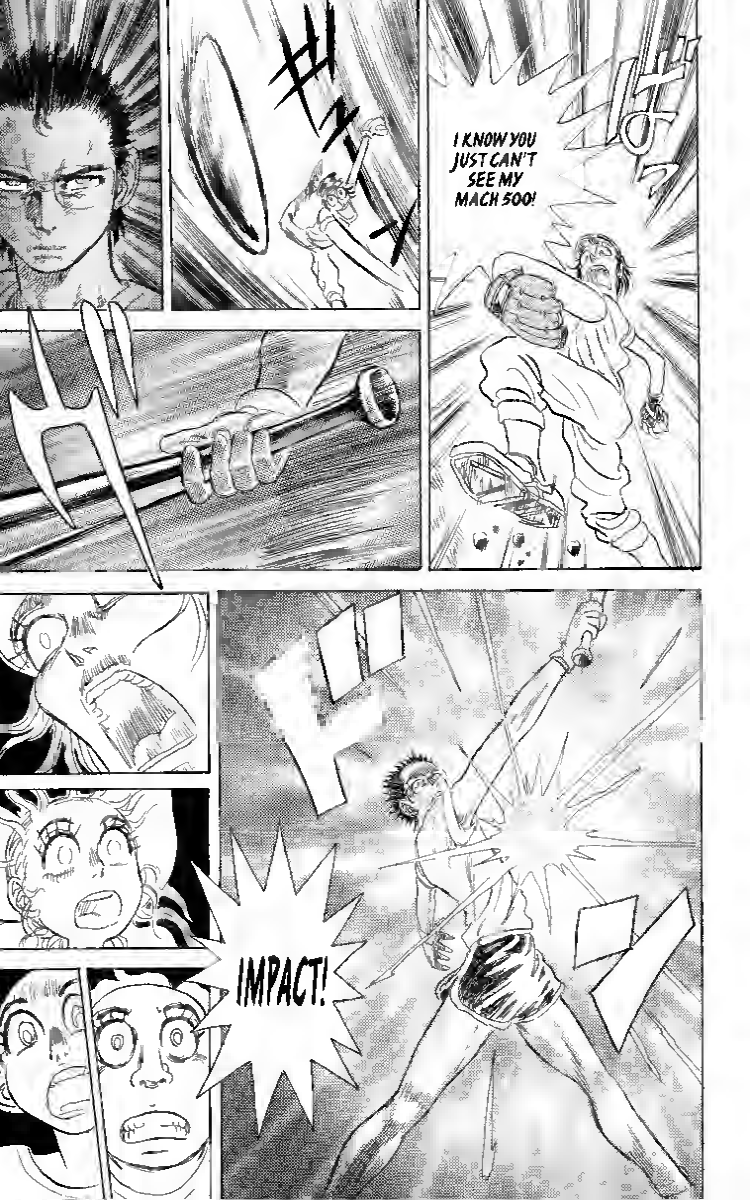
HAGAKURE!
YOU HAVE TO HIT THE BALL! OR YOU'LL LOSE!


I KNOW YOU JUST CAN'T SEE MY MACH 500!
IMPACT!

THE BALL EXPLODED...
HAGAKURE! THAT'S ENOUGH HITTING FOR YOU!
THAT WAS OUR LAST BALL!
YOU IDIOT!
DON'T FREAKING IMPACT THE BALL!
I, TSUMIKO HORIE, LIKE IMPACT MORE THAN A HOMERUN!
I DON'T CARE
TSUMIKO HE SUCKS AT BASEBALL BIG TIME
UNDERSTOOD
FROM NOW ON, YOU RIDE THE BENCH!

R RAH!
21 ZERO FORM IRON BALLS WILL...
...TRANSFORM 147% OF THE HUMAN SKIN INTO METAL.
OOH!
NGH!

INDOMITABLE!!
MY BODY HAS NOW BECOME...
ZERO FORM
IRON BALLS
WAR LORD
MODE

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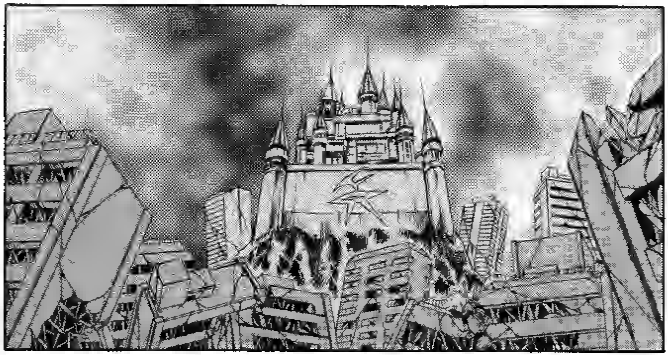

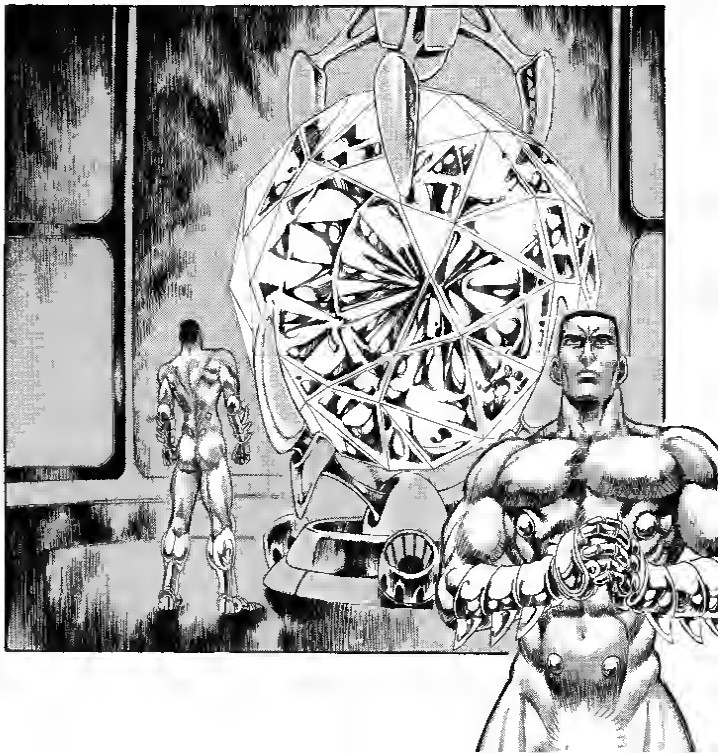

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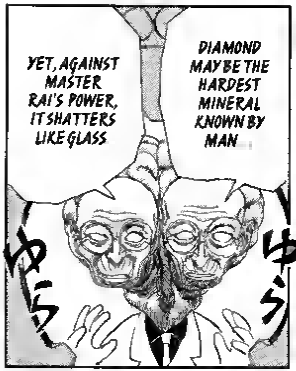
YET, AGAINST MASTER RAI'S POWER, IT SHATTERS LIKE GLASS
DIAMOND MAY BE THE HARDEST MINERAL KNOWN BY MAN
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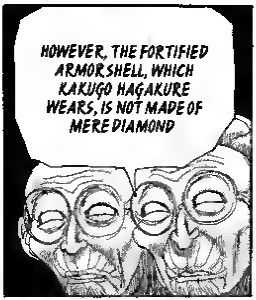
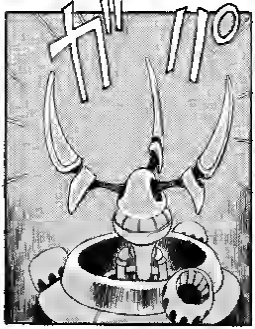
OUTSTANDING!

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
WHATEVER IT'S MADE OF


HOWEVER, THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, WHICH KAKUGO HAGAKURE WEARS, IS NOT MADE OF MERE DIAMOND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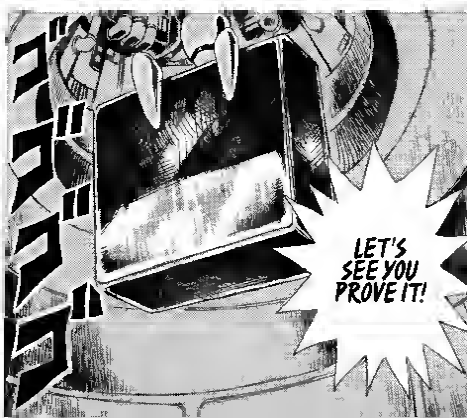
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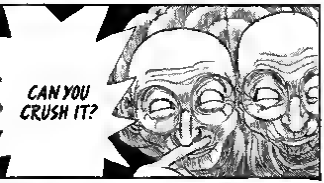
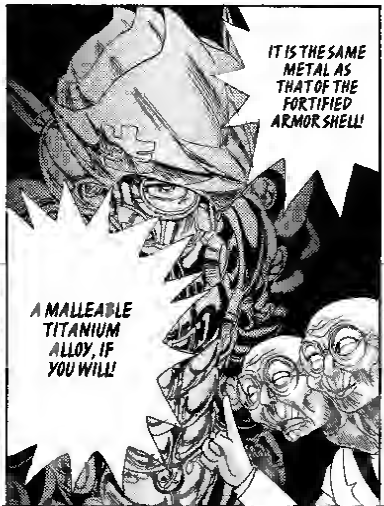
LET'S SEE YOU PROVE IT!

WHAT IS THIS?

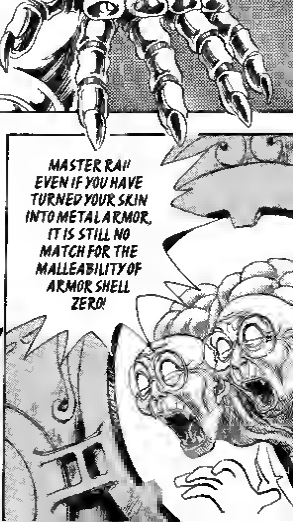

CAN YOU CRUSH IT?

OF COURSE!


IT IS THE SAME METAL AS THAT OF THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL!
A MALLEABLE TITANIUM ALLOY, IF YOU WILL!

ITS ELASTICITY IS LIKE NO OTHER METAL!
AMAZING FLEXIBILITY!
IT DISPERSES THE IMPACT AS IT CHANGES ITS SHAPE.
HMGGH!
EVEN WITH YOUR POWER, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO BREACH!
IT CAN ENDURE CLOSE RANGE SHOTS FROM A GATLING GUN.
NOT A PROBLEM!

OBSERVE!


MASTER RA! EVEN IF YOU HAVE TURNED YOUR SKIN INTO METAL ARMOR, IT IS STILL NO MATCH FOR THE MALLEABILITY OF ARMOR SHELL ZERO!

INSTANT FREEZING LIQUID!

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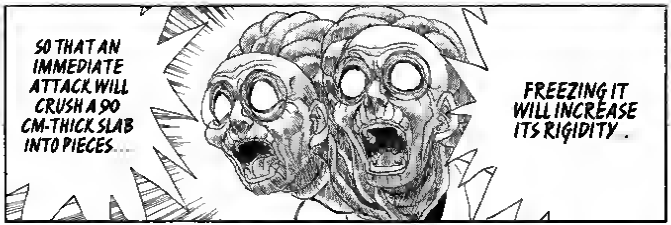
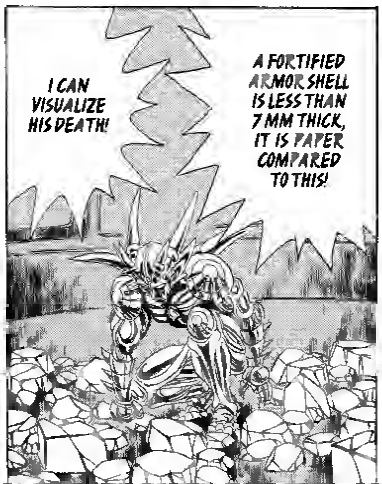
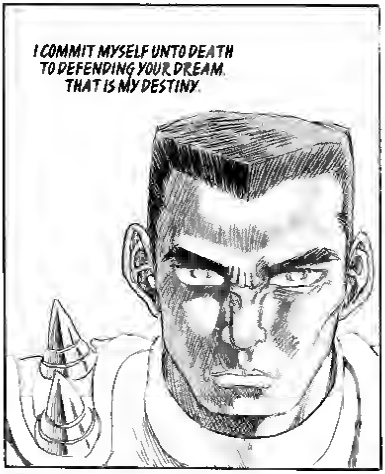

SO THAT AN IMMEDIATE ATTACK WILL CRUSH A 90 CM-THICK SLAB INTO PIECES...
FREEZING IT WILL INCREASE ITS RIGIDITY.

I OWE IT ALL TO MASTER HARARA.

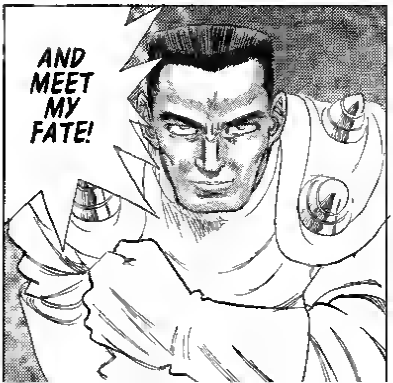

I CAN VISUALIZE HIS DEATH!
A FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL IS LESS THAN 7 MM THICK, IT IS PAPER COMPARED TO THIS!

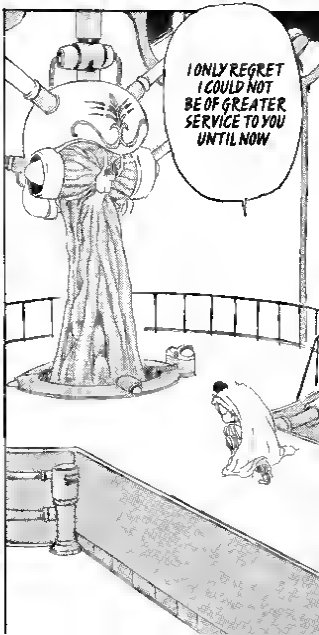
I AM UNWORTHY OF YOUR GENEROSITY
THE SHINING METAL BALLS THAT ARE IMBEDDED INTO YOUR BODY....
THE REASON I PLEDGED ETERNAL LOYALTY TO YOU
....WAS NOT FROM AWE OF YOUR BEAUTY, A BEAUTY THAT TRANSCENDS ALL THINGS IN THE UNIVERSE
THEY SHINE LIKE THE PURE WHITE STARS OF THE WINTER SKY


I COMMIT MYSELF UNTO DEATH TO DEFENDING YOUR DREAM. THAT IS MY DESTINY.

NOTHING IS MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN MASTER HARARA'S DREAM...
IF ANYONE IS TO STAND IN MASTER HARARA'S WAY...

I MUST LEAVE...


AND MEET MY FATE!


I ONLY REGRET I COULD NOT BE OF GREATER SERVICE TO YOU UNTIL NOW

MASTER RAI WILL SURELY WIN.
ITS USE HAS A 170% CHANCE OF SUCCESS
INSTANT FREEZING LIQUID!
FOOL!

H HOWEVER, WITH MASTER RAI'S SKILL...

...WHILE RAI SHOOTS HIS COOLING LIQUID AT HIM?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT KAKUGO HAGAKURE WILL JUST STAND AND WATCH...

THE TWO ARE WELL MATCHED!
KAKUGO AND RAI ARE AT THE SAME LEVEL!

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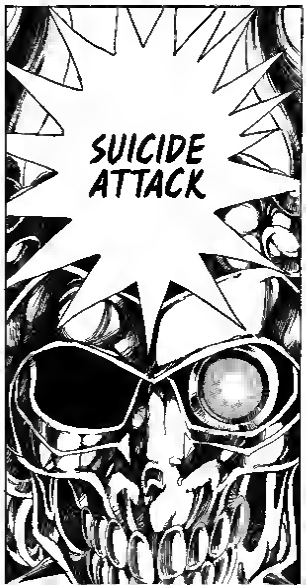
SUICIDE ATTACK

THERE IS ONLY ONE PATH TO VICTORY FOR A TRUE WARLORD IN A BATTLE LIKE THIS
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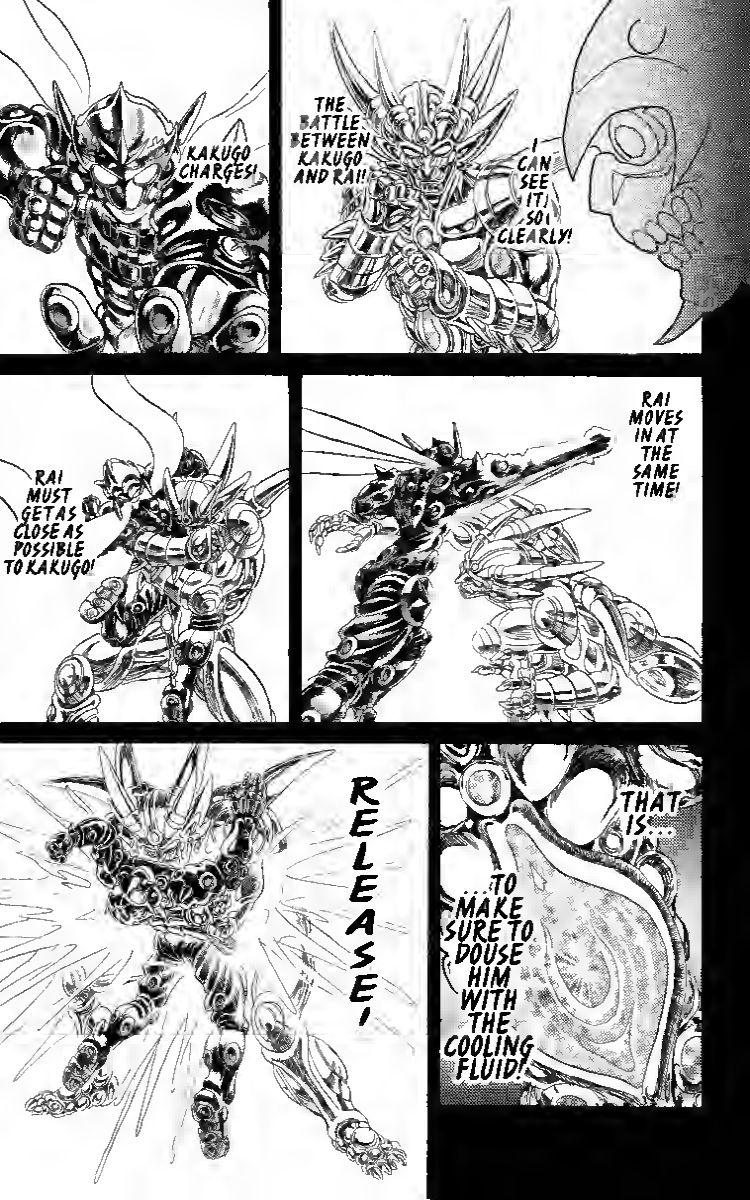
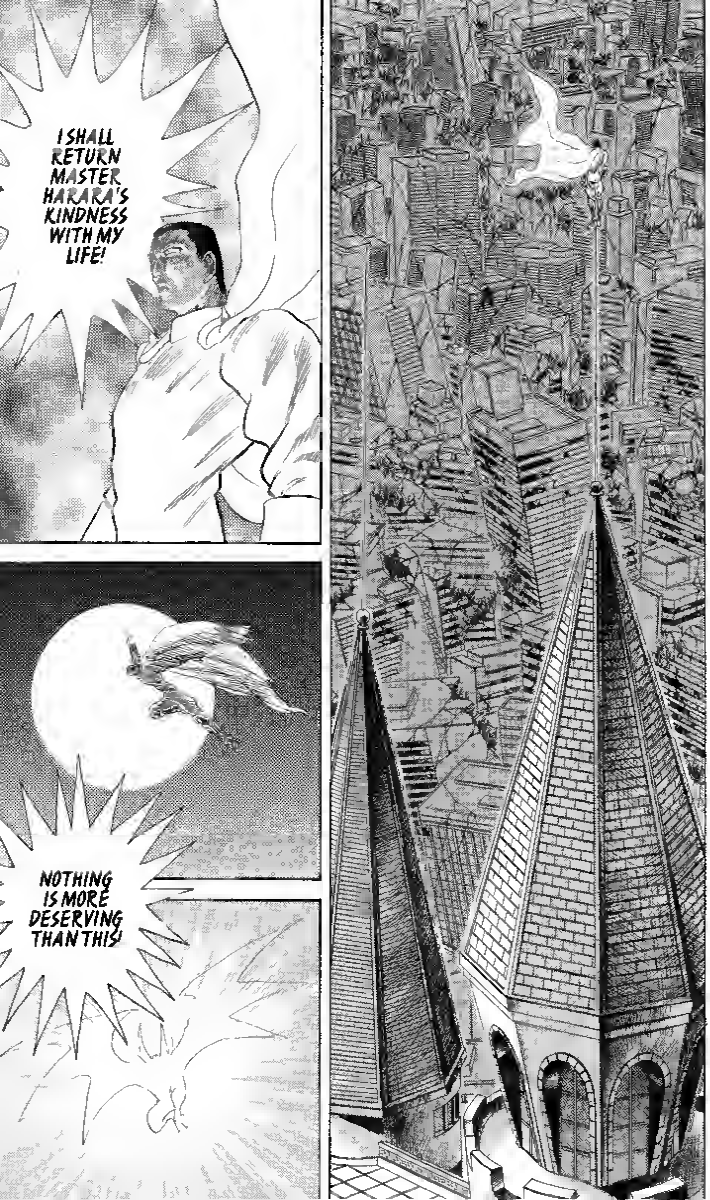

KAKUGO CHARGES!
THE BATTLE BETWEEN KAKUGO AND RA!!
I CAN SEE IT! SO CLEARLY!
RAI MUST GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO KAKUGO!
RAI MOVES IN AT THE SAME TIME!
RELEASE!
THAT IS...
...TO MAKE SURE TO DOUSE HIM WITH THE COOLING FLUID!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, WARLORD RAI WILL KILL HIMSELF WITH KAKUGO.
THE LIQUID WILL FREEZE BOTH OF THEM!
DETONATE!
AND THAT IS SUICIDE ATTACK!
EEEK!


I SHALL RETURN MASTER HARARA'S KINDNESS WITH MY LIFE!
NOTHING IS MORE DESERVING THAN THIS!

I, WARLORD RAI, SHALL TAKE THE FIELD!

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EPISODE TWENTY-SIX, CRIMSON

GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL
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I'M GONNA START THE CLASS, SO MAKE SURE YOU TAKE NOTES.
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LISTEN UP, YOU KIDS
WE ALL START OUT THE SAME IN LIFE, BUT IT IS OUR HABITS THAT MAKE US DIFFERENT.
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HE'S THE WORST TEACHER!
DROP DEAD ZENIGATA

SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT...
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By Tsumike
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I DON'T THINK HE'S IN THE MOOD...
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK HAGAKURE WHAT HE THINKS OF IT...
NICE!
OOH!
PONTA
ZERO WAS COOLER THAN THIS...
HMM...
PONTA, LET ME SEE YOURS.

ZENIGATA'S CLASS IS SO BORING, I WANNA KILL MYSELF
THERE ARE MANY SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT, BUT NONE OF THEM CAN CREATE A NEW TYPE OF PERSON
CHECK THIS OUT, HORIE
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HAGAKURE, COME ON, ENGAGE!
I WANT SOME EXCITEMENT, YOU KNOW?
IT'S LIKE...
WHAT THE!?
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WHAT THE FUCK IS THAT?
AAAH!
IDENTIFY YOURSELF!
A MONSTER!
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MY NAME IS RA!!

LOOK AT HIS BODY!
WHAT THE HELL IS HE?

HE MUST BE THE BOSS OF THOSE MONSTERS!
I KNOW!

I WILL AWAIT YOU AT THE EDGE OF NEO TOKYO!
TONIGHT, WHEN THE MOON IS HIGH...

NO!
AAAH!
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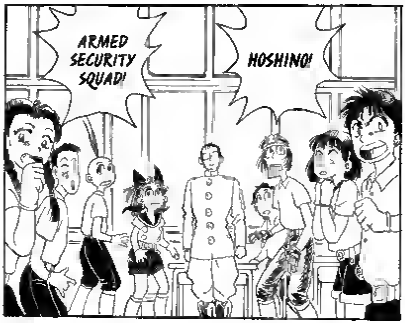
HAGAKURE!
IT WAS A HOLOGRAM.
HE'S GONE!

AND NOW HE'S HERE TO GET HIS REVENGE!
YOU KILLED HIS HENCHMEN...
HE'S GOTTA BE THE BOSS OF THOSE MONSTERS.
THIS ISN'T GOOD


ARMED SECURITY SQUAD!
HOSHINO!

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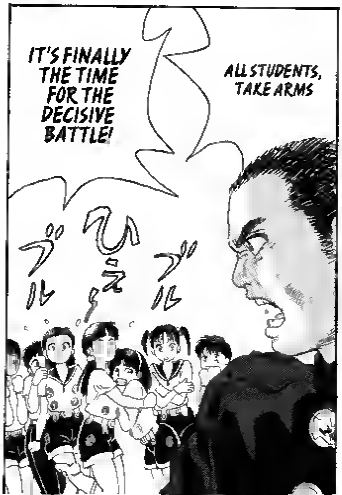
HAGAKURE!


IT'S FINALLY THE TIME FOR THE DECISIVE BATTLE!
ALL STUDENTS, TAKE ARMS
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WE MUST PREPARE OUR DEFENSE IMMEDIATELY!
DID YOU HEAR THE THREAT?

IF I GO TO THE APPOINTED PLACE, IT WILL BE SETTLED
THAT CHALLENGE WAS DIRECTED AT ME
GET A HOLD YOURSELF YOU ARE AGITATING THE STUDENTS
THIS IS A DUEL!
HE WILL COME ALONE!
HE IS A TRUE WARRIOR ...
WHAT IF HE BRINGS AN ARMY WITH HIM?
YOU'LL BE WALKING INTO THEIR TRAP!
NO! DON'T GO THERE ALONE!

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...HE COULD NOT HAVE ZERO FORM IRON BALLS IN HIS BODY!
IF HE WERE NOT A TRUE WARRIOR...

PRINCIPAL, PERMISSION TO LEAVE EARLY.
IF YOU WANT TO GET THERE BY MOONRISE, YOU MUST LEAVE NOW.
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET TO THE EDGE OF NEO TOKYO?
THIS IS A FIGHT I CANNOT AVOID.
TO LET YOU LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY SO YOU CAN GO FIGHT A DUEL?
Y-YOU'RE ASKING A PRINCIPAL...
YOU'RE A WARRIOR BEFORE YOU'RE A STUDENT!
YOU MAY GO!
HOW DETERMINED HIS LIPS ARE...
HOW CONFIDENT HIS EYES ARE...

THANK YOU!
HAGAKURE!
HAGAKURE!
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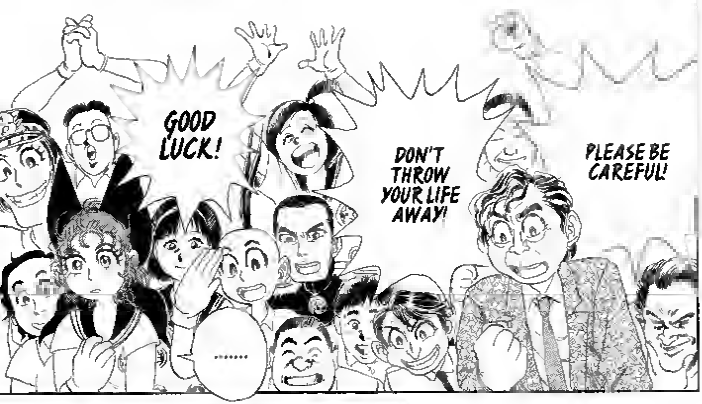
GOOD LUCK!
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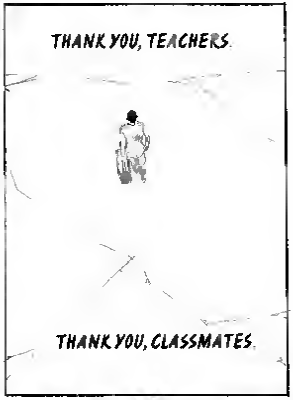
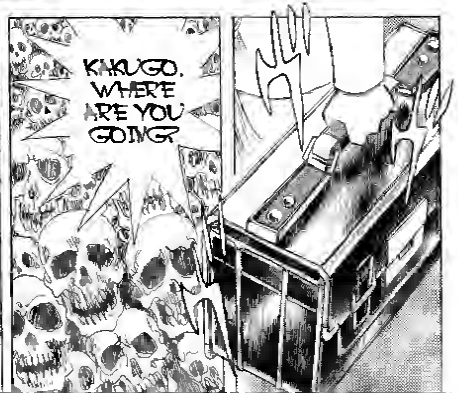
DON'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY!
PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

THANK YOU, GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL.


THANK YOU, TEACHERS.
THANK YOU, CLASSMATES.

I HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THE DUEL.
PREPARE?


KAKUGO, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

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I KNOW.
YEAH, HE LEFT WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.
HAGAKURE JUST KNOWS THAT HE'S GONNA WIN.
WHAT'S WRONG? HORIE?
HUH?
HAGAKURE! PLEASE DON'T GO!
THAT'S NOT LIKE HIM!
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SMILE LIKE THAT BEFORE!

GYAKUJUJI DORMITORY
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING INTO THAT MIRROR LIKE A WOMAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SITTING HERE BEFORE A DUEL!?
HEY!

IF THE TIME COMES TO DIE, IT WOULD BE DISRESPECTFUL TO SHOW MY OPPONENT A PALE AND TORMENTED FACE.

ALTHOUGH I MAY REFUSE TO LET MYSELF LOSE THE BATTLE...

...THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT I WILL WIN

MAKEUP? WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU THINKING?

MY OPPONENT IS A TRUE WARRIOR.

NOW I GO TO THE EDGE OF NEO TOKYO!
THUS, IT IS THE ETIQUETTE OF A TRUE WARRIOR TO PAINT HIS CHEEKS AND LIPS BEFORE A DUEL
WE SEE YOU WILL LOOK DIGNIFIED EVEN AFTER YOUR DEATH
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THANK GOD
HE'S STILL HERE!
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HAGAKURE
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I HAVE THIS ARMOR TO SHARE MY HEART.
I DO NOT NEED LOVE IN MY LIFE.
APOCALYPSE ZERO VOL.3 THE END

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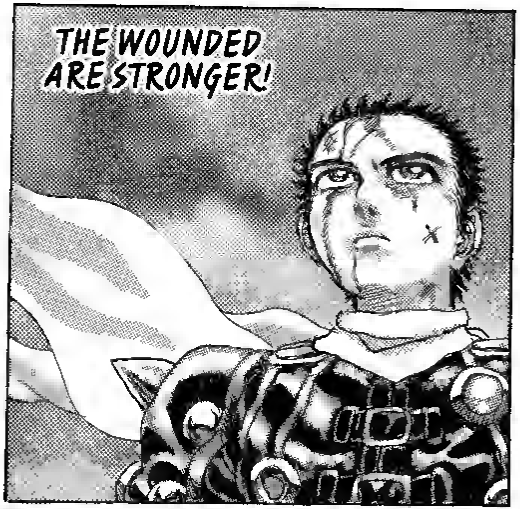

Words to Remember

One summer, when I was 18, I went an a trip, and I was watching same mankeys that were roaming free. Mast af the mankeys laaked pretty dumb, but this ane mankey had a mare dignified laak. The mankey keeper explained. "This mankey daesn't have an arm, but he is the leader af this pack. Amang bath animals and humans, the waunded are stronger!" His wards are the inspiratian far what I am naw.

BALLAD OF HARARA
I AM NOT A WOMAN WHO YEARNS FOR ETERNAL ROSES
I AM NOT A MAN WHO DESIRES TO BECOME THE KING OF THE WORLD.
I JUST BELIEVED IN MYSELF. NOT KNOWING THAT IT WOULD SOMEDAY PERISH.
MY HEART IS ALREADY AHEAD OF TOMORROW. LEAVING MY BODY TO ROT.
THE RECOLLECTIONS OF LOVE I CANNOT FORGET. I WILL LET THEM DISSOLVE INTO THE DARKNESS OF NIGHT.
THE PATH NO ONE CAN SEE. THE PATH I SHALL FOLLOW.

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